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**z-proso** Zurich Project on the Social Development of Children

# **Instrument Summary**

# **Teacher Wave 1.1**

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## **Data Collection Overview**

**Questionnaire Language** 

German

Respondents

Teachers in study classes. In classes with two teachers, the teacher with the higher quota is requested to fill in the forms. Teachers are asked to make sure that the respondent remains the same across waves.

**Material and Setting** 

- Paper questionnaires were handed out to the teachers by our child-interviewers at the beginning of the interviewing week and recollected at the end of the week.
- Questionnaire material included one assessment form per study child, a class assessment form, and completion instructions.
- Questionnaire completion was mandatory for teachers in study schools.

**Completion Period** 

28 February 2005 - 25 May 2005

**Number of Completed** Questionnaires

 1350 child assessments forms 119 class assessment forms

Approx. Completion Time 2-3 minutes per form

Note

Instruments are listed in the same order as in the questionnaire

### Social Behaviour Questionnaire (Child-Level Measure)

#### Source/Developer

- Richard E. Tremblay (Université de Montréal)
- Tremblay, R. E., Loeber, R., Gagnon, C., Charlebois, P., Larivee, S. & LeBlanc, M. (1991).
  Disruptive boys with stable and unstable high fighting behavior patterns during junior elementary school. Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology, 19, 285-300.

#### Description

A comprehensive assessment of the target child's social behaviour. Focuses also on prosociality, not only on problem behaviour. As compared to the original scale the more recent version used in the *z-proso* study also allows assessing subtypes of aggression, such as indirect, reactive, and instrumental aggression. This measure is also repeatedly administered to parents and – in an adapted computer-based multimedia version – to the target children.

#### Adaptations

In the teacher version items are organised by topics/subdimensions in order to simplify completion. Some item wordings were adapted to fit the teacher's perspective. Twelve items that were not fitting the teachers perspective were skipped

#### Measured Concepts/ Subdimensions

#### Prosocial Behaviour

- 1. Prosocial Behaviour (Helping, Empathy)
- Internalising Problem Behaviour
- 2. Anxiety
- 3. Depression

Attention-Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

- 4. Attention Deficit
- 5. Hyperactivity

Non-Aggressive Externalising Problem Behaviour

- 6. Non-Aggressive Conduct Disorder (Stealing, Lying, Vandalising)
- 7. Opposition/Defiance

#### Aggression

- 8. Physical Aggression9. Indirect Aggression
- 10. Instrumental Aggressions/Dominance
- 11. Reactive Aggression

Psychopathy

12. Cruelty to Animals (as a psychopathy proxy)

#### Number of Items

43

#### **Response Categories**

5-point Likert scale (from "never" to "very often")

#### Item Examples

- "CHILD is worried." (Anxiety)
- "CHILD fidgets." (Hyperactivity)
- "CHILD steals at school." (Non-Aggressive CD)
- "CHILD kicks, bites, hits other children." (Physical Aggression)
  "CHILD will invite bystanders to join in a game." (Prosociality)

#### Administration

History

Waves 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1

Change in Social Behaviour (Child-Level Measure)

**Source/Developer** z-proso Research Team

**Description** A set of six items aimed at explicitly tracking change in selected types of the target child's social

behaviour since the previous wave.

Measured Concepts/

Helping others

Subdimensions • Fairness and rule abidance

Emotion recognitionConflict managementAggression against others

Number of Items 6

**Response Categories** 5-point Likert scale (from "worse" to "better")

Administration

Waves 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1

History

Social Roles (Child-Level Measure)

**Source/Developer** z-proso Research Team

**Description** A brief assessment of the social roles of the target child in his/her class.

Measured Concepts/ Subdimensions Popularity

Bullying victimisation

RejectionDomination

Number of Items 4

**Response Categories** 5-point Likert scale (from "very untrue" to "very true")

Administration

History

Waves 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 3.1, 4.1

School Achievement (Child-Level Measure)

**Source/Developer** *z-proso* Research Team

**Description** A brief assessment of the target child's school achievement as compared to the expected average

achievement at his/her age.

Measured Concepts/ Subdimensions Arithmetic

• Reading & verbal performance

School Commitment

Number of Items 3

**Response Categories** 5-point Likert scale (from "worse" to "better than average")

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History

Waves 1.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1

Class Cohesion (Class-Level Measure)

**Source/Developer** *z-proso* Research Team

**Description** A brief assessment of class cohesion.

Number of Items 5

**Response Categories** 5-point Likert scale (from "very untrue" to "very true")

**Item Example** "The pupils in my class get well along with each other"

Waves 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1

Administration

History

Parental Commitment (Class-Level Measure)

**Source/Developer** z-proso Research Team

**Description** A brief assessment of the teacher's perception of the parents in his/her class.

Measured Concepts/ Subdimensions

Parental commitment to schoolRelationships among parents

Number of Items 5

**Response Categories** 5-point Likert scale (from "very untrue" to "very true")

Item Example "Parents in this class regularly attend parent-teacher meetings."

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Problem Behaviour in the Schoolhouse (Class-Level Measure)

**Source/Developer** *z-proso* Research Team

**Description** A brief assessment of the teacher's perception of levels of problem behaviours among pupils in his/her

schoolhouse.

Measured Concepts/ Subdimensions Violation of school rules

UntidinessExtortionVerbal violenceTeasing

Physical violenceVandalism

Number of Items

**Response Categories** 5-point Likert scale (from "not a problem" to "a very serious problem")

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Waves 1.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1

Cooperation among Teachers (Class-Level Measure)

**Source/Developer** *z-proso* Research Team

**Description** A brief assessment of the teacher's perception of levels of cooperation among teachers in his/her

school.

Number of Items 4

**Response Categories**5-point Likert scale (from "not a problem" to "a very serious problem") **Item Example**"There is a high degree of cohesion among teachers in this school."

Administration Waves 1.1, 2.2, 3.1

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Perception of zipps (Class-Level Measure)

**Source/Developer** z-proso Research Team

**Description** A brief assessment of the teacher's perception of the Zurich Intervention and Prevention Study in

Schools (zipps)

Measured Concepts/

Overall project rating

Subdimensions • Attitude toward the PATHS and violence prevention

· Perception of the child interviews

Number of Items 9

**Response Categories** 5-point Likert scale (from "very untrue" to "very true")

Item Example "I have been sufficiently informed on the projects goals." (Project rating)

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